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(*b*) the number of new school buildings constructed in 1954 either under Rural Development Schemes or under Community Project;

(*c*) whether the Government received any grant from the Centre;

(*d*) if so, how much;

(*e*) who will run these schools in future; and

(*f*) whether there is any Central aid for the maintenance of the school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 302.

(*b*) 3.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) During 1954–55, the Central grant for the schools opened in Coimbatore district was Rs. 1,43,889.

(*e*) The District Board and the Panchayat Boards, with the assistance of this Government.

(*f*) The Government of India will bear 50 per cent of the 12 noon. expenditure on the salaries of teachers during 1955–56 and 25 per cent during 1956–57. Thereafter the entire expenditure will be borne by this Government.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over. The answers to the remaining questions will be printed in the proceedings unless any hon. Member wants that any of the questions should be postponed to to-morrow.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as usual, we can extend the time by five or ten minutes and finish all the questions included in the agenda.

MR. SPEAKER : The question hour is extended by fifteen minutes.

Award of the Special Industrial Tribunal, Madras

* 2677 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received in April 1954 any application under section 20 of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950, from the workers of Cauvery Mills and Ganapathy Mills, Pudukkottai, for the recovery from the managements of the amounts due to them under the award of the Special Industrial Tribunal, Madras, towards compensation for involuntary unemployment due to electricity shortage; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The mangement of the Cauvery Spinning and Weaving Mills have paid, according to their own calculations, 50 per cent of the compensation amount to the workers as directed by the

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Labour Appellate Tribunal. The workers have disputed the amount so paid. The Labour Officer has, therefore, been asked to verify the claim petitions of the workers The Government are awaiting the final report of the Commissioner of Labour.

The management and workers of the Mahaganapathy Spinning Mills have since agreed to settle the claims of the workers under the award by direct negotiation.

* 2678 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ganapathi Mills, Pudukkottai, has appealed against the Special Industrial Tribunal's award in respect of compensation for involuntary unemployment due to electricity shortage?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

* 2679 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any award given by the Special Tribunal constituted under Sri Srinivasan for giving compensation for the period of involuntary unemployment due to current cut during 1952 and 1953 was implemented in the textile mills of the State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. Thirty-two mills have implemented the award in full as on 5th August 1955.

Repairs to a bridge on Kozhikode-Ootacamund road

* 2680 *Q.*—Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal to carry out repairs to the bridge at mile 47/5 on Kozhikode-Ootacamund road has been sanctioned; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government propose to execute the work and the estimated cost thereof?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) The Member presumably refers to the bridge across the Karimpuzha river at mile 47/6 of the Kozhikode-Nilambur road. The work of strengthening this bridge was sanctioned by the Government in April 1950. But subsequently on inspection it was found necessary to reconstruct the bridge to suit present-day traffic. The proposal for reconstruction of the bridge is under the active consideration of the Highways Department.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know, Sir, whether any estimate has been prepared and whether any orders have been issued by the Government to take up the work in the immediate future?